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Friday, October 15, 2004

R. Murray Schafer Harry Somers Arvo Pärt

Colin McPhee

GUEST ARTISTS:

Thunder: Perfect Mind for mezzo-soprano and orchestra World Premiere

Those Silent Awe Filled Spaces
Tabula rasa for two violins, prepared piano & string orchestra

Tabuh-Tabuhan Toccata for Orchestra and Two Pianos

Eleanor James, mezzo-soprano / Lydia Wong, piano / Stephen Clarke, piano Fujiko Imajishi, violin / Carol Fujino, violin

Sunday, November 28, 2004

Thomas Adès Henry Brant Asyla Op. 17 for large orchestra Ice Field Spatial Narratives for Large and Small Orchestral Groups

Tristan Keuris

Arcade six more preludes for orchestra

Canadian Premiere

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Sunday, March 6, 2005

Denys Bouliane Alexina Louie Snow is White but Water is Black

World Premiere

The Death of Seigen (excerpt from the opera The Scarlet Princess)

O Magnum Mysterium: In Memoriam Glenn Gould (John Rea arrangement)
Harp Concerto

GUEST ARTISTS:

Alex Pauk

Denys Bouliane, guest conductor / Erica Goodman, harp

Colleen Skull, soprano / David Pomeroy, tenor

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Paul Frehner

Chris Paul Harman Concerto for Cello and Orchestra

Sanctuary

Profanity

Scott Wilson Gyula Bánkövi

GUEST ARTISTS:

Four Names of Beauty Accord(ion) Concerto

Shauna Rolston, cello / Joseph Macerollo, accordion

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EXPLORE Esprit's season begins and ends with World Premieres of pieces by many of Canada's most esteemed composers. Our October concert, along with music by Pärt and Schafer, includes a fantastic and little-known Somers work that we'll record for a new Somers CD. As well, we'll play music from our most successful CD to date - Tabuh-Tabuhan. Brilliant works for large orchestra form an entire concert of Canadian Premieres in November. These pieces, by Adès (ENGLAND), Brant (U.S.A.) and Keuris (THE NETHERLANDS), encompass the broadest spectrum of colour, form and atmosphere found in contemporary music. Artistic directors from the Société de musique contemporaine du Québec

and Esprit will have music featured in our March concert. The programme will be repeated in Montreal. Our last concert in May serves as the finale for Esprit's 2005 New Wave Composers Festival highlighting today's best newly established composers in several days of performances, forums and workshops. Esprit's guest artist line-up is exceptional and second to none in Canada. The word explore only suggests a beginning for your experience of Esprit. I welcome you to join us for a season of musical splendour, magic, intricacy, elegance, inspiration, power, humour, sensuality, contemplation, spirituality, vigour and virtuosity – the very ingredients of Esprit's exploration. alex pauk

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